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SUBJECT: HEAD OF BELGIAN WALLENBERG COMMITTEE REQUESTS US
SUPPORT OF RAOUL WALLENBERG'S CANDIDACY FOR NOBEL PEACE
PRIZE

• THIS IS AN ACTION MESSAGE. PLEASE SEE PARAGRAPH 5.
• SIMONE LUCKI, PRESIDENT OF THE BELGIAN COMMITTEE FOR
RAOUL WALLENBERG, MET WITH POLOFFS 17 SEPTEMBER TO REQUEST
RESIDENT BUSH'S SUPPORT FOR WALLENBERG'S NOBEL PEACE

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PRIZE CANDIDACY. WALLENBERG, THE SWEDISH DIPLOMAT WHO
HELPED RESCUE THOUSANDS OF HUNGARIAN JEWS DURING WWII AND
WHEN DISAPPEARED IN 1945 WHILE IN SOVIET CUSTODY, HAS BEEN
NOMINATED IN ABSENTIA FOR TWO REASONS, LUCKI SAID.

• THE PRINCIPAL GOAL OF THE NOMINATION IS TO RECOGNIZE
THE SWEDISH DIPLOMAT FOR HIS VALIANT EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF
HUNGARIAN JEWS. HOWEVER, WALLENBERG SUPPORTERS HOPE ALSO
TO FORCE RUSSIA TO REVEAL THE TRUTH CONCERNING HIS
IMPRISONMENT AND ALLEGED DEATH IN 1947.

• LUCKI HAS COLLECTED LETTERS SUPPORTING WALLENBERG'S
CANDIDACY FROM A CONSTELLATION OF BELGIAN POLITICAL
HEAVYWEIGHTS, INCLUDING FORMER PRIME MINISTER MARTENS, THE
CURRENT JUSTICE AND FOREIGN MINISTERS, FORMER FOREIGN
MINISTER EYSKENS, THE PRESIDENT OF THE BELGIAN SENATE AND
THE FORMER CHIEF OF THE BELGIAN SUPREME COURT. SHE ASKED
US TO REQUEST A LETTER FROM PRESIDENT BUSH SUPPORTING
WALLENBERG'S CANDIDACY. LUCKI STRESSED THAT WALLENBERG'S
CANDIDACY WAS PRESENTED IN ADVANCE OF THE NOBEL
COMMITTEE'S DEADLINES AND HE IS A BONA FIDE CANDIDATE.

• ACTION REQUESTED: WE WERE UNABLE TO TELL LUCKI HOW, OR
IF, THE USG FORMALLY DECIDES TO SUPPORT A CANDIDATE FOR
THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE. WE ASSUME, HOWEVER, THAT
WALLENBERG'S SUPPORTERS IN THE U.S. HAVE ALREADY MOUNTED A

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PARALLEL EFFORT. PLEASE CONVEY LUCKI'S REQUEST TO THE
APPROPRIATE DELIBERATIVE BODY AND ADVISE US OF THE
OUTCOME. THANKS VERY MUCH FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE.
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